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1. OFFICIAL PARTY DAILY UHURU OF JUNE 22 CARRIED EDITORIAL
WELCOMING NEW SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE
THIS IS FIRST TANZANIAN COMMENT ON JUNE 5 COUP AND AFTERMATH.
TEXT OF EDITORIAL AS TRANSLATED FROM SWAHILI BY EMBASSY FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: WE HEARTILY WELCOME THE DECLARATION BY THE
NEW PRESIDENT OF THE SEYCHELLES, COMRADE ALBERT RENE, THAT HIS
COUNTRY WILL FOLLOW THE PATH OF SOCIALISM AND THAT IT WILL STRIVE TO
STRENGTHEN BROTHERHOOD WITH US AND OTHER INDEPENDENT AFRICAN
COUNTRIES.

THE DECLARATION MEANS THAT COUNTRIES WHICH ARE STRIVING TO
BUILD SOCIALISM ARE INCREASING IN AFRICA. THIS IS DIRECTLY
OPPOSITE FROM WHAT WAS BEING DONE BY THE SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT
WHICH WAS OVERTHROWN. THAT GOVERNMENT WAS SO DEEPLY BOGGED
DOWN IN BEING A PUPPET THAT IT FORGOT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF
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THE SEYCHELLES.

COMRADE RENE'S DECLARATION MEANS THAT NOW THE MASSES OF THE
SEYCHELLES WILL ENTER INTO THE MAINSTREAM ON THE CORRECT COURSE
TOWARD THEIR REVOLUTION. WE PROMISE TO HELP THEM IN THIS UNDER-
TAKING. WE KNOW THAT OPPRESSED PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WILL FOLLOW THE
ROUTE TO SOCIALISM IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY DECIDE TO CUT THE BONDS

OF EXPLOITATION AND BUILD A NEW SOCIETY WITHOUT EXPLOITATION.

WE RECOGNIZE CLEARLY THAT PEOPLE BUILD SOCIALISM IN TERMS OF THEIR ACTUAL ENVIRONMENT. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO DECIDE TO BUILD SOCIALISM AND THEN TAKE CORRECT STEPS TOWARDS SOCIALISM.

WE CONGRATULATE OUR COMRADE PEASANTS AND WORKERS OF THE SEYCHELLES FOR THEIR DECISION TO OVERTHROW THE PUPPET GOVERNMENT AND TO INSTALL THE GOVERNMENT OF A PARTY WHICH SINCE COLONIAL RULE WAS STRUGGLING NOT ONLY FOR INDEPENDENCE BUT ALSO FOR A NEW, TRULY REVOLUTIONARY SOCIETY FOR THEIR COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE.

WE PROMISE THAT FROM TANZANIANS THE SEYCHELLES COMRADES WILL RECEIVE TRUE RESPECT, PURPOSEFUL FRIENDSHIP, AND REVOLUTIONARY BROTHERHOOD. WE ARE ON ONE PATH. WE WILL HELP EACH OTHER.

COMRADE RENE'S DECLARATION THAT THE PARTY AND ITS GOVERNMENT WILL STRENGTHEN FRATERNAL COOPERATION WITH TANZANIA IS A WISE DECLARATION WHICH OPENS A NEW PAGE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SEYCHELLES. THE PUPPET GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS OVERTHROWN TREATED OUR COOPERATION WITH SCORN. IN TRUTH THERE WERE TIMES WHEN THAT GOVERNMENT WAS ONLY STRENGTHENING TIES WITH BOERS OF SOUTH AFRICA TOGETHER WITH THE IMPERIALISTS.

WE ARE THANKFUL THAT THE MASSES OF THE SEYCHELLES HAVE REMOVED FOR US A GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS A THORN IN AFRICA'S SIDE. WE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO THANKFUL THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE SEYCHELLES RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUE BROTHERHOOD ON OUR CONTINENT.

WE WILL NOT WAVER FOR EVEN ONE DAY FROM THE BUILDING OF STRONGER AFRICAN UNITY ON BROTHERHOOD AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

WE TANZANIANS WANT TO BUILD A NEW, HONORABLE AFRICA. WE WILL DO SO BY WORKING WITH ALL COMRADES ON THE CONTINENT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ACCOMPLISH THAT GOAL. END TEXT.
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